

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, after the title and before the first paragraph, please insert the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application filed under 35 USC 371 of International Application No. PCT/FR03/02015, filed June 30, 2003, which claims priority from French patent application 02 08234 filed July 2, 2002.

FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 4, before the first line, please insert the following subheading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 9, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The resin is kept at a temperature of between 2 and 15°C, preferably between 4 and 12°C. Preferably, the column is fed with raw material (aqueous salt solution) through the top. The aqueous saline solution used for carrying out the invention is generally a solution of a chloride of an alkali metal such as K⁺, Na⁺, [[Ca⁺]] Ca²⁺, [[Mg⁺]] Mg²⁺. Preferably, an aqueous solution of sodium chloride is used. Advantageously, the aqueous salt solution has a concentration of between 2 and 25%, preferably of 5 to 15% by weight of salt per weight of liquid. Preferably, the ionic strength of the aqueous salt solution is between 1 and 2 M. The pH of the eluting solution is generally between 6 and 7, advantageously between 6.5 and 7.